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SUBJ: UN PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENT DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
UNFDAC

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1. DRAWING ON REFTEL, AMB BENNETT AND MISOFF QUERIED
USYG DAVIDSON JULY 18 ON STATUS OF WELLMAN APPOINTMENT.
DAVIDSON SAID EARLIER THIS WEEK HE HAD INSTRUCTED UN OFFICE
OF PERSONNEL TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH PROCESSING
WELLMAN APPOINTMENT AT D-1 LEVEL. ALTHOUGH OFFICE OF
PERSONNEL HAD ARGUED FOR CONSIDERATION OF OTHER CANDIDATES,
DAVIDSON HAD INSTRUCTED PREVIOUSLY THAT THESE NOT BE CONSIDERED
IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE DELAY AND TO PROCESS WELLMAN BUT HIS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOME REASON HAD BEEN MISINTERPRETED,
INCLUDING MISTAKE MADE IN ISSUING VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT.
TITLE FOR WELLAN WOULD BE "DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR"
OF UNFDAC BUT WELLMAN WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SERVE ALSO AS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NARCOTICS DIVISION.

2. BENNETT RAISED WITH DAVIDSON FACT THAT WALDHEIM HAD
RECENTLY CALLED FORMER TO ASK FOR USG VIEWS ON AMB
JACOBUS G. DEBEUS (DUTCH) AS REPLACEMENT FOR SCHURMANN
AS HEAD OF UNFDAC. DEBEUS CURRENTLY DUTCH AMB IN BONN
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AND LONG-TIME FRIEND OF WALDHEIM. HE IS EXPECTED TO

RETIRE FROM DUTCH GOVT LATER THIS YEAR. APPARENTLY DEBEUS RECENTLY MET SYG IN MUNICH DURING STOPOVER OF LATTER AND TOLD SYG HE WAS INTERESTED IN UNFDAC POST. SUBSEQUENTLY, SYG, WHEN IN THE HAGUE, DISCUSSED MATTER WITH DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DEBEUS PROVIDING THAT LATTER'S APPOINTMENT WOULD NOT COUNT AGAINST DUTCH PERSONNEL QUOTA IN UN. DAVIDSON SAID THIS WAS FIRST TIME HE HAD HEARD OF DEBEUS EXCEPT THE PREVIOUS DAY. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH SYG, LATTER HAD GIVEN DAVIDSON DEBEUS' RESUME AND ASKED HIM TO LOOK AT IT FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE JOB IN UN. WHILE DAVIDSON COULD NOT COMMENT ON DEBEUS, HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM BENNETT RE AFFECT DEBEUS DEVELOPMENT MIGHT HAVE ON WELLMAN, DAVIDSON SAID WITHOUT HESITATION THAT WELLMAN APPOINTMENT WOULD PROCEED FORTHWITH. DAVIDSON ADDED THAT DEBEUS COMPLICATION WOULD INVOLVE MARTENS, WHO IN HIS OPINION WOULD LEAVE UN RATHER THAN GIVE UP UNFDAC ROLE AND REVERT TO HEAD OF NARCOTICS DIVISION. DAVIDSON ADDED THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH MARTENS IN GENEVA, LATTER SAID HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO SWEDEN AT END OF HIS CONTRACT. DAVIDSON ASKED MARTENS WHETHER THIS DECISION WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THE DISPOSITION OF THE DIRECTORSHIP OF UNFDAC, TO WHICH MARTENS REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. CLEARLY DAVIDSON SAID IF DEBEUS MOVED IN MARTENS WOULD MOVE OUT.

3. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS ON DEBEUS DEVELOPMENT SINCE BENNETT MUST RETURN CALL TO SYG SHORTLY.
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